

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Illinois State's Attorney's Association has always supported to the utmost the fair administration of justice and the inviolate system of hearings which encourages a full and complete hearing before conclusions are reached, and

WHEREAS, the State's Attorney's Office of Cook County has been subjected to an unprecedented mass of accusations regarding the Hampton search incident, and

WHEREAS, the groups who have made such accusations have done so with no factual knowledge or investigation of any kind prior to the incident reaching the proper hearing tribunal which will ultimately determine the true facts, and

WHEREAS, it is obviously the duty of all community leaders, groups and persons who may influence public opinion in these troubled times to exercise the utmost restraint in being positive that opinions expressed are based upon real facts as distinguished from conclusions, speculation or prejudgment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois State's Attorney's Association does heartily commend Edward V. Hanrahan and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for the remarkable restraint, fairness and forbearance which both he and such office have displayed in the face of the tactics employed by uninformed persons and groups of persons in the Fred H. Hampton case, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Association deplores

foundation, in fact, without investigation and most deplorable of all, without the benefit of a proper legal proceeding to determine the true facts in the said incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such irresponsible accusations as made constitute an affront to each and every State's Attorney and other law enforcement agencies and a serious disruption of the orderly process of justice which demand a full and complete factual hearing prior to the reaching of conclusions.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE ILLINOIS STATE'S ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION ON THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1969.

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